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Chief of Security Virgil Schellhardt stands amidst the loot collected from dorm rooms during the semester break.

Legality of room search defended by Schellhardt

by B.J. Anders

On Dec. 21, the day after all the students left for the Christmas break last semester, St. Michael's College shut down all its buildings, including the dormitories, for 11 days.

At this time, according to Physical Plant and Personnel Manager Donald Larson, security and maintenance persons checked rooms for open windows and other items that posed security risks. They also removed Saga dinnerware.

According to Virgil Schellhardt, Chief of Security, the department did not have enough time to check all the buildings before the shutdown. So, they swept through the buildings, making notes as to the location of items. Schellhardt said he instructed his people in the legal limits of what they could do.

After the holidays, Security re-entered the buildings. At this time, milk cases, road signs, and what Schellhardt described as "illegal paraphenalia" were removed. Students also reported the loss of candles, and one student said his gumball machine was taken.

According to the college's housing and meal contract, security can enter rooms, without a search warrant, at any time "with the permission of the Director of Student Life."

Dean of Students Mike Samara maintained that security needed his permission to re-enter the dorms; Schellhardt disagrees. "I felt that, by going back in, we (the security department) did not violate the housing contract."

On the subject of the road signs and milk cases, Schellhardt set a hard line. About 90 percent of the cases came from local dairies, and were returned. According to Schellhardt if a student can prove that he owns certain milk cases, and they have already been returned to the dairies, the student will be reimbursed. Checks are being run now on cases from out-of-state dairies. Schellhardt is following the same procedure for road signs, but he stated that private posession of these items is "illegal."

Schellhardt, in reference to the confiscation of bongs, pipes, and other articles classified as "illegal paraphenalia," said, "Anytime I or any of my staff are in any room or in any area of the college legally . . . if at any time we see and observe anything that is illegal, I maintain I have a legal right to confiscate it, whatever it is, and deal with it in what I feel is the proper procedure."

Those students who had any material taken from their rooms should have received a notice from the security department. It states that, "During the lock-up, an item of personal property was removed from your room." They are then requested to contact security to "discuss this matter."

"I will try to make provisions that will be acceptable to me and to the school to see that these (personal belongings) get back into their owner's posession," he continued.

Larson billed the whole situation as a "mistake in procedure." But, there will apparently be no public apologies, and no security officers face any type of punishment for their actions.

College prepares for future

Lack of individuality a problem at SMC

by Barbara Nagy

The relative calm of St. Michael's past several years can easily be contrasted with the upheaval that existed on campus ten years ago.

The late '60s and early '70s were troubled times for the college, times when students complained about the quality of education St. Michael's offered them and about the unresponsiveness of administrators.

The students tried to assert their authority through the student senate by supporting Epsilon (third and fourth floor Joyce) House's fight to establish its own code of conduct based on "self determination," in spite of St. Michael's College President Bernard Boutin's objections.

The board of trustee's decision to support Boutin in the struggle seemed to prove the impotence of student government, and the senate almost voted to disband. The disillusionment and frustration lead to the resignation of S.A. Vice President John Daignault in 1971.

According to an article in the Feb. 27, 1971 Michaelman, "He noted that after three years neither his hopes nor goals had even been approached, and that he had receded into a feeling of pessimism toward the senate and its effectiveness. He hoped that someone could replace him who still held some hope for the progress of the senate."

The admission of women to St. Michael's for the first time in September 1970 also caused some controversy. It took several years for them to feel comfortable on campus, mainly because of sexism on the part of some men.

In 1970, the students also vehemently protested the administration's refusal to renew the contract of J. Jerry Enright, a philosophy professor. The administration replied that he had not made "substantial progress" toward his doctorate.

In contrast, a peace pervades St. Michael's now. Many of the same attitudes remain, but they are unexpressed. Few students are outwardly critical of the administration, the college, or even what they are told in their classes. They rarely ask questions, and seem to accept the status quo as if it were given in a geometry problem

In a way, students have become bland, almost boring. They have become interested in themselves and in their futures, not in the social welfare of others and certainly not in the events of other nations.

The emphasis is on pragmatic personal considerations. For example, concern about the situation in Iran is expressed in terms of whether or not students will be drafted to fight in a war.

Part of the problem is caused by the insular qualities of St. Michael's. People can easily survive at St. Michael's without knowing or caring about what is happening off campus because St. Michael's is a world unto itself.

In theory, it is possible for students to survive without ever leaving campus for the semester. St. Michael's provides meals, rooms, laundry facilities, a post office, store, gym, infirmary, library, student jobs, employment service, check-cashing facility, radio station, newspaper, church and rathskeller (in the near future).

Students don't have to leave campus and are not even encouraged to. When they do venture into Winooski or Burlington, it is usually as a group. Socializing is done at bars that are patronized by other St. Michael's students.

In addition, few courses require students to study the society outside St. Michael's first hand. For example, students examine social problems in abstract, but rarely have contact with them except in their textbooks.

The situation is compounded by the homogeneity of the people who attend St. Michael's. Almost all are middle class white Catholics from Eastern states.

There is no real "atmosphere of individuality" on the Hilltop, (in spite of the claims of the admissions office). The homogeneity of the student population can make being an individual, being an outsider, an uncomfortable experience at St. Michael's.

Students who are "different" are stifled by the overwhelming majority who are intolerant of nonconformists. For example, how many St. Michael's students would not mind having an avowed homosexual in their midst? What about a radical feminist or a communist?

But St. Michael's students are identical to their predecessors in several ways. They still mock the college and its administration, they are still

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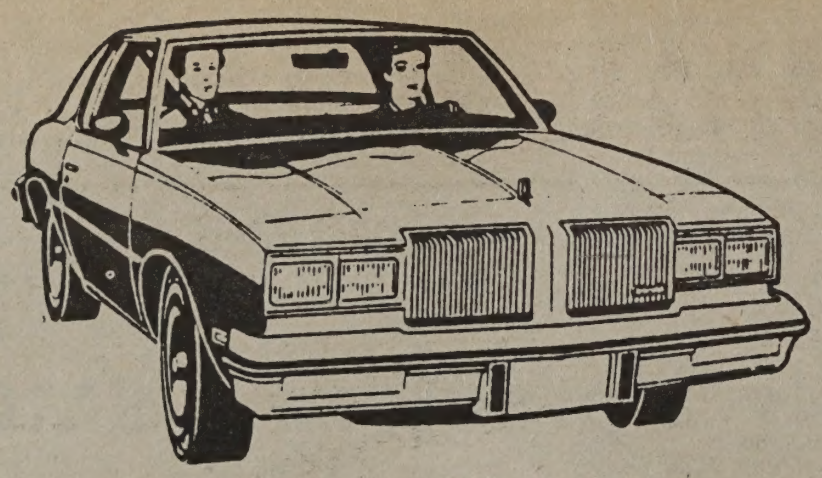

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Saturday, Jan. 26

6:30 p.m. American College Theater Festival, New England region, showings in afternoon and evening.

6:30 p.m. Mass, Ethan Allen Chapel.

Sunday, Jan. 27

9 p.m. Folk Mass, Chapel of St. Michael the Archangel.

Monday, Jan. 28

6:30-8:00 p.m. Study Skills Workshop at Student Resource Center.

7 p.m. "Human Relations and Sexuality." Seminar in Alliot Hall cafeteria.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Last day for course changes

6:30 p.m. General Assembly meeting, Science Hall 107.

10 p.m. Coffee house, David Binder featured, Alliot Lounge.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

6:30 p.m. Coalition for a nuclear free future, Jemery 110.

6:30 p.m. Study Skills Workshop at Student Resource Center.

6:30-8:00 p.m. "Getting Along" Seminar, Student Resource Center.

Thursday, Jan. 31

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6:30-8:00 p.m. Career Workshop for Undecided Majors at Student Resource Center.

8 p.m. The Frankfort Symphony Orchestra (Lane Series Event) at Burlington Memorial Auditorium. For information call 656-3418.

SPORTS

Friday, Jan. 25

Skiing, Johnson State College, (away)

Saturday, Jan. 26

2 p.m. Basketball (women's), Plattsburg.

2:30 p.m. Club Hockey, Skidmore College at Essex Arena.

Skiing, Johnson State College (away)

7:30 p.m. Basketball, Sacred Heart University (away).

Sunday, Jan. 27

7 p.m. Club Hockey, Johnson State College at Essex Arena.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

4 p.m. Swimming (men's), UVM/Norwich (away).

7:30 p.m. Basketball, St. Francis College (N.Y.).

Thursday, Jan. 31

8 p.m. Club Hoceky, Skidmore College (away).

Announcements

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For those students who want to start classes off on the right foot this year, the Study Skills Program in the Klein Student Resource Center is again offering workshops in time management, textbook reading, note-taking, and exam preparation. The five-week sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28 and Wednesday, Jan. 30. All interested students should stop by the center, or call ext. 2547.

January 27, 3:00-4:00 p.m. a library workshop, "How to Survive Using Library Resources," will be presented at the Durick Library Pope John XXIII room. A slide show will be presented and discussion of the card catalog and reference collection will follow.

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A political folk concert featuring "Bright Morning Star," Al Giordano and Scott Crichton will be held Feb. 2 in the Herrouet theatre at 8:30 p.m. The concert will feature anti-nuclear and political songs.

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Newsbriefs

Honor society elects 21 new members

by Laura Schmoll

Eighteen St. Michael's College seniors have been elected to the Alpha Nu chapter of Delta Epsilon Sigma National Scholastic Honorary Society, according to the Rev. Raymond Doherty, chapter president. Also elected to the society were two faculty members and an alumnus.

St. Michael's members elected were Sister Pauline Gamache, associate professor and chairperson of humanities and Dr. Peter J. Tumulty, assistant professor of philosophy. Urban "Ben" Bergeron, a member of the Class of 1939, was the alumnus elected.

Delta Epsilon Sigma is a national honor society for undergraduates, faculty and alumni representative of the Catholic college tradition. The primary consideration for the election of new student members is academic success.

The St. Michael's College seniors elected were: Charles Leonard, Wayne Roberts, Matthew Hagen, Kelly McDonough, Martin Thaler, Jonica Desautels, Andre Konski, Joseph Ciccolo, Mark Bartorelli, Mark Lawson, Marie Mongeau, Karl Baldwin, Patricia Bristol, Pamela Cady, Robert Shephard, Margaret Gleason, Mary Clare Casey, and Barbara Nagy.

photo by David Walsh

Students clean up the mess created by vandals after they set off the sprinkler system in the third floor of the Durick Library on Dec. 14.

St. Michael's senior suffers severe injuries in two-car Winooski crash

Katherine F. McDonald, 21, a senior from Bethel, Connecticut is in critical condition at the intensive care unit of the Medical Center hospital in Burlington. She received severe head injuries in a two-car accident on Jan. 2, according to a hospital spokesman.

According to a police spokesman, McDonald's car was leaving Spring Street in Winooski when it collided with a van on East Allen Street at 2:46 a.m.

A passenger in the McDonald car, Joseph Hurley, from Schenectady, New York and the driver of the van, Louis Wargo, 27, of Riverside Avenue in Winooski, were treated and later released.

Seniors urged to reserve rooms early

According to Senior Class President Cliff Warner, seniors graduating in May should make accomodations for their guests as soon as possible. Warner said that because St. Michael's and the University of Vermont are holding graduation ceremonies on the same weekend, lodging reservations for the weekend of May 16-18 will become increasingly difficult to obtain.

Warner noted that only about six of the 27 hotels contacted had rooms available for that weekend. Some well known hotels have been fully reserved for some months.

The scramble for accomodations may force some families to stay in lodging outside the immediate area. To avoid any inconvenience, seniors are urged to make reservations immediately.

College holds sexuality seminar

A seminar entitled "Human Relations and Sexuality" began Monday, January 21, and will continue for the next two Mondays: Jan. 28 and Feb. 4.

The seminar, sponsored by the Student Life Office, Student Resource Center and Student Health Services, will feature talks, presentations and discussions.

Last Monday's topic was "the art of loving." Subsequent topics will be "physical aspects," (Jan. 21) and "relationship dynamics," (Feb. 4).

The seminar will be held at 7 p.m. in Alliot cafeteria.

Heavy costs incurred in library damage

by Jeff Morris

A $500 reward has been offered to anyone with information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for the most costly act of vandalism in the history of St. Michael's College.

Donald Larson, physical plant and personnel manager, said damage estimated at $27,000 resulted when a three-quarter inch pipe was forcibly broken in the men's bathroom on the third floor of the Durick Library. Water flooded all three floors of the library.

Larson said the carpeting on the third floor would have to be replaced. The other two floors have already been steam cleaned. The incident occurred Dec. 14 around 10 p.m.

According to President Edward Henry who initiated the $500 reward, the cost was only estimated, because the extent of internal damage and the amount of labor to repair is not yet known. The total cost may easily exceed $30,000.

Donald Sutton, the director of buildings and grounds, security, and St. Michael's Fire and Rescue spent the night pumping out water and saved the carpeting on the first and second floors, Larson said.

Sutton, who was the first to arrive, went into the basement and shut off the water.

In addition to the carpet damage, some ceiling tiles were destroyed and a water loss resulted when the pipe broke.

The new carpet on the third floor will be different. "If the same carpeting was put down it would cost around $60,000," Larson said.

Mike Kaplan, a student who was studying nearby, said he heard a loud noise from the bathroom and went to the front desk to notify library personnel that something was wrong.

Larson said the third floor carpeting will probably be replaced over spring vacation. All the books and shelves have to be removed and then put back in order.

Anyone with information regarding the incident can either get in touch with Larson or security.

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"The Mad Dog Mural" will entirely cover all four walls of UVM's Fleming Museum Gallery when it is put on display next month. The exhibit will open Feb. 29 with a reception and discussion, and will end April 6.

Acidic rain presents increasing pollution problems for Vermont

by Ruth DeCoster

Acidic rain, an increasingly important environmental problem facing the world today, was the topic of a research project performed last semester by St. Michael's environmental science program.

In October, seniors Bob Harvey, Mary Ellen Heppner, Maureen Green, Mike Seguljic, and Don Greenlaw began a series of tests on local rain water to determine the levels of acidity in this area.

The students tried "to see if there would be any variations in the observations between mountain and valley," Bob Harvey said.

The five students were responsible for setting up their course of action and preparing their own plans. "It was up to us to do the research, find the sampling sites, and do the testing," Maureen Green said.

Green explained how carbon dioxide and water should be at an equilibrium in the air. When this is so, the acidic levels in the rain (or snow) would be 5.6 on a pH scale of one to 14. The rain would readily dissolve ground minerals and make the minerals available to plant growth.

Because of today's pollution problems, an equal amount of carbon dioxide and water is not found in the air. This is mainly due to automobile combustion and factory emmisions, which can lower the pH of rain water to a low of 3.45 or less.

Vermont has always been considered clean and pollution-free. However, according to research there has been a steady stream of pollution carried to Vermont by prevailing wind currents for many years. The pollution has now made its appearance in acidic precipitation. The polluting chemicals can travel from 500 to 1,000 miles within two or three days.

Rain water can be tested for these chemicals. Nitrates and sulfur, found to be of more importance in this research, were measured by Bob Harvey and Mary Ellen Heppner.

Harvey explained that nitrates were not supposed to be found in rain at all. His studies showed that in this area, there were rains that contained amounts of nitrates varying from .1 mg/1 to 11.4 mg/1. Nitrates are increasing because of the amount of automobiles present today.

There are extreme cases in New York State in which all aquatic life in Adirondack lakes has disappeared. Acid rain, blamed for this problem, allows aluminum to be freed from the soil.

Along with other minerals, the aluminum "forms a film upon the lake, reduces oxygen, and increases the toxic intake of aquatic life," Harvey said. The plants and fish "get caught up in the food chain," he said. The problem becomes a chain reaction and everything can die off.

Sulfates have been "more or less stable" over the years Mary Ellen Heppner said. Her tests found sulfur to be higher in samples of ground water than in precipitation samples. This is because area soil contains much natural sulfur, due to animal excretions and organism deaths.

The data collected in the project was found to be consistent with other known information about acidic rain. Vermont has just began research on acid rain. There were not many previous findings on which to base these results.

The problem of acidic rain is already national, and is on its way to becoming universally important.

The results from this environmental research project are being sent to the Vermont state engineer in charge of local environmental studies, said Dr. Daniel Bean, chairman of the biology department and adviser of the research program. The conclusions will also become part of eastern statistics in a nationwide study.

The acidic rain research project will continue this semester with three new people: Grace Taffner, Paul Fromont, and Dave Midgly. The research will begin where it left off in December, said Bean.

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Opinions

Student Rights

During the semester break the St. Michael's security force entered rooms in several dorms on campus to remove what it considered to be contraband, including stolen and "illicit" items.

Although residence hall occupants sign a housing contract that permits such searches with the authorization of the dean of students, no one was informed of security's actions unitl about half the rooms had been examined.

Moreover, many of the things security assumed had been stolen had not been, and many of the things that had been stolen (for example, plastic milk cases and some street signs) were not wanted by their rightful owners. Even if they had been there lawfully, the officers thus had no basis for removing at least part of the property that was taken.

On the surface, the issue may seem trivial, but students should be outraged by such a flagrant violation of their constitutional rights. They should be able to leave their property in their rooms without fear that it will be taken or examined by anyone, including an overzealous security officer.

Have students no right to privacy? Whether or not they have something to hide, they should be angered by the idea that their belongings were scrutinized in such a manner.

But the real danger lies in the possibility of future violations of student rights, in both this and other areas. All students must be concerned about that possibility whether or not they had anything taken from their rooms because they could be involved in the next situation.

The opinions of students have traditionally not been considered to be very important, especially when one student speaks alone. Only together can they have any kind of impact, and concern about this issue must be expressed. Without protest, the next violation of rights will be even easier to commit because those in charge will presume that if students were not concerned by the first infringement, they will not be concerned by another.

The General Assembly's letter of protest to Chief of Security Virgil Schellhardt is not enough. Students must ask how further problems can be prevented. They must examine their rights and how they can best be preserved. They must protect themselves by knowing their rights and telling other people how they feel.

In addition, the "chain of command" at the college must be examined to see how such an act could have been authorized. That it ever occurred indicates a problem in the administration's hierarchy.

Students must demand resolution of these issues or face the possibility of further infringements. They cannot surrender one of their rights without protest and expect to not lose others.

And they must fight together because it is only as a group that they possess any real or potential power. To ignore the problem is to ask for an even more serious invasion in the future.

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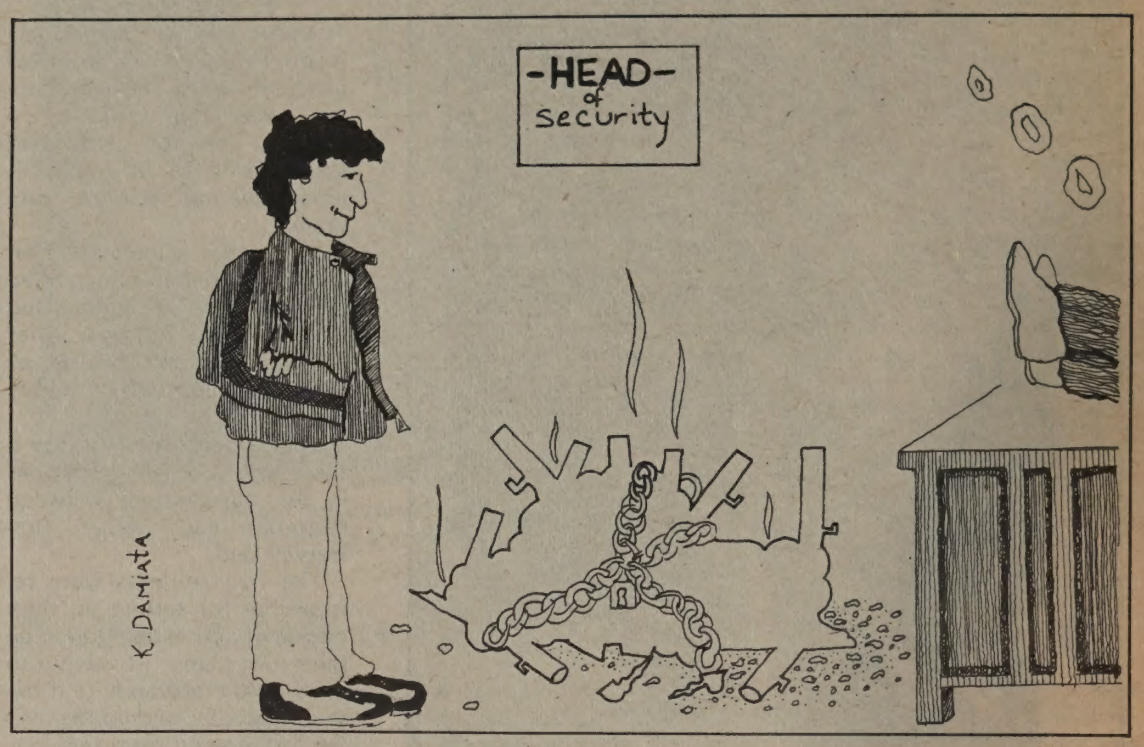

I'd rather be fishing

by Rich Hybner

Reevaluation of ISP program is in order

More than a month ago, a federal judge in Washington ruled that the President of the United States cannot authorize an investigation of Iranian students who are only temporarily in the United States or who hold inadequate visiting papers as international students.

Even with the questionable legal standing of the court's holding, there is another question that must be answered: Why are there so many international students in this country today?

Many American universities and colleges take advantage of the financial gold mine that wealthy foreign families possess. In light of the ever decreasing birth rate in this country and the smaller high school graduating classes, colleges are faced with a financial crisis.

An important consideration regarding the financial solvency of prospective international students must be the consideration of academic ability. According to a recent New York Times notebook report of last December, academic quality controls frequently took second place to financial considerations. Indeed, the average time spent with prospective students was only three minutes.

Last year, before the brunt of the Iranian crisis, a Vermont college was found to have violated federal law regarding international students by simply sending blank acceptance forms. Interested students could fill in their names and bypass much of the necessary paperwork to attend an American college without much difficulty.

International students who managed to be accepted to schools in the United States could often guarantee their continued acceptance by acquiring help from American students willing and able to provide assistance.

Without the impending crisis in Tehran, there is little likelihood that Iranians originally intending to study in the United States would be deported if they left school once in the country.

At St. Michael's College, the problem of academic excellence in the International Student Program is seldom voiced. One American business administration student expressed a strong opinion on such an issue.

"Last semester, there was an Iranian student in one of my business classes who constantly tried to copy from me. During the final exam, he even asked me for an answer as I left the room."

Academic dishonesty is a tricky subject to evaluate. However, if blatant cases of inferior academic standards among St. Michael's international students is detected, the administration should immediately tighten academic standards.

If an international student cannot prove fully his or her proficiency in English as well as an ability in other related areas, continued acceptance should not be granted.

Some individuals believe deportation of Iranian students is necessary because of the crisis in their country. But as long as an Iranian student can maintain the academic standards prescribed by St. Michael's, while the visa process is intact, and no legislation is enacted, he or she should be allowed to remain in the United States. Less an act of Congress, Iranians should be treated with equal standing among international students.

However, there are over 235,000 foreign students in the United States today. Of that number, most sources estimate there are more than 50,000 Iranians. In light of the political turmoil in Iran, some congressional reevaluation of continued education of Iranians is clearly necessary.

Surely, the harassment of Iranian students in the United States would be the wrong course of action.

Given the continued insistence by Khomeini that President Carter and Americans are satans, Americans would be absolutely foolish to ignore the unhealthy bloc of Iranian students in this country.

The resolution is hardly simple. A tightening of academic standards for all international students is the first step. Another essential move would be for the U.S. Congress to prevent the future concentration of one national group into the American higher education system.

Such a high concentration further explicates a primary goal on the part of the college recruiters to secure financial stability for the school as easily as possible.

A skeptical future for Iranian students already in the United States would put Tehran on notice that American willingness to educate foreigners would greatly depend on treatment of Americans in that country.

Further, it could set the precedence which seems necessary: Why permit international students to benefit from an American education while some Americans are being deprived of their freedom?

Without an act of congress, reevaluation seems unwise. However, a congressional investigation of the entire matter would be a sensible direction to pursue.

As for higher academic standards, an immediate tightening should occur.

Financial security should not take precedence over academic excellence, especially in the case of international students.

'80s might be key to SMC's future

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dissatisfied with their education. But their criticism is less specific.

Students have several complaints about administrators, for example. But they are usually vague and general in nature — "He doesn't know how to do his job," or "She doesn't know what the students want."

A good share of such criticisms are also never vocalized, except occasionally between students. People are more cynical now, and they believe it is not worth their time to openly criticize the "establishment" or make an effort to fight it because they are sure the attempt will be fruitless.

Many students believe such efforts are a waste of energy; many don't try because their failure would only prove their impotence as individuals.

Their less informed criticisms may be a sign that they are apathetic, uninvolved, or simply don't know what is going on.

But they could be the result of a cynicism that tells people they don't have to know the specifics of what is happening. They know from experience that "all politicians are crooked," "administrators don't care about students," and "student government can't change anything." Involvement, it would seem, is futile.

Students feel a sense of outrage and frustration about life. But the sense of outrage is quickly numbed as they learn that it is easier to ignore problems than solve them.

Trying to improve things and consequently realizing one is powerless to do so is more painful than trying to forget the problems life poses.

Thus, although another professor is in a position similar to that of J. Jerry Enright in 1970, there appears to be no true effort to save his job on the part of students or faculty members, although many are concerned.

Some students who have had him for classes believe he is the best professor in his department, and many are bitter about the nonrenewal of his contract. They blame it on petty bickering and backstabbing between members of the department.

Although they sense the injustice of the matter, students hesitate to discuss it with other professors in the department or with the academic dean. They are afraid their opinions will be considered worthless.

Faculty members and underclassmen are also afraid of what might happen to them if they protest. The students, especially, fear poor grades and unfair treatment from other professors if they voice their opinions.

Does St. Michael's have an atmosphere of individuality, where people can feel free to be themselves?

Unfortunately, the '80s will probably see an even greater withdraw and isolation of the individual. Times are rough, especially economically, and people are apt to be less concerned about anyone's welfare but their own.

Student interest in finding a good job after graduation will become even more intense. Students will be interested in getting a good undergraduate education and, more than ever, will view their years in college as an investment that will hopefully produce some kind of tangible reward in the (hopefully near) future.

The need for good liberal arts colleges will never disappear, but with the liberal arts courses, the institutions will find it necessary to include more "practical" courses. The interest journalism, environmental science and other concentrations that are geared toward a specific career objective will increase.

St. Michael's has changed somewhat to meet the demands of the students, and is continuing to change. In recent years the college has become more academically oriented than it ever has been. But if it does not continue to change, it will not survive much longer than the next decade.

In the 1980s St. Michael's should concentrate on revising its course offerings and the college's requirements for graduation should be made more stringent.

The core curriculum should be slightly more structured, and each course should be evaluated for its value. The library also deserves some attention.

As St. Michael's Academic Dean Ronald Provost has pointed out, another problem is that of synthesis. Students are not offered enough opportunities to relate the material from their various courses.

Synthesis is more valuable than a conglomeration of information because informed discussion of the "big" issues

of the future will require an ability to tie information together. Nuclear energy, for example, involves economic, scientific and ethical considerations.

There is nothing wrong with students' concern about themselves and their futures. But their lack of concern about things that happen outside of their own small world is dangerous.

They will eventually discover that unless they begin to speak up, they will lose some of their rights.

As corporations grow even bigger in the '80s and the impersonality of the computer becomes more pervasive, people will realize that individually they may or may not have an impact. Their only sure way of obtaining most changes will be collectively.

This will be especially true of groups that have traditionally been thought of as having little status, such as minorities and students. Only by uniting to form a solid block of opinion can they have an impact.

The '70's have raised many issues that the '80s will have to resolve. The silence at St. Michael's — peaceful as it may be — has to end.

Nationally, '70s overemphasized individuality

by Rich Hybner

The 1970s represented a time when "do your own thing" attitudes became as important as the U.S. Constitution and the politics of scarcity became a household word even in America. Technological advances seemed unimportant when they could not resolve shortages in gasoline and heating fuel. Many new religious sects sprung up — enough to bring into question the purpose and direction of mankind.

For Americans, the 1970s were a time when the rest of the world became important. They were not self-sufficient, only selfish, and despite far-reaching advances toward peaceful co-existence with the Soviets, America failed to remain the leader in the production of many economic products. Japanese automobiles were more compact and practical, and German steel was of a better quality.

The glory of the post World War II years was not likely to be repeated. After the United States withdrew from Vietnam there was a shortage of jobs. Unemployment grew and prosperity faded. Millions of workers lost their jobs or overtime so that Johnny could return to the United States and "fight" for a job. But for the many disabled Vietnam veterans, jobs were impossible and benefits few.

The year did include some less depressing phenomena. Health food became a popular item. Every possible kind of vitamin was marketed. New generic labels sprung up and the average family did not know what vitamins were necessary and what their suggested dosages were.

The desire to be an individual created other fads in the 70s. Selling the Corvette or Firebird that was in style during the 1960's to buy a "customized van" and adding a citizens band radio to the options reflected this psyche. In the late 1970s the disco fad also suggested individuality. People invented moves, designed fashions and customized routines all aimed at individuality.

But individuality was circular in the 70s. Even for the unknown artists who created "artistic masterpieces" on the side of a subway car with a can of spray paint or the masses who rallied against everything from life to death, it was a fad. After all was said and done, the biggest fad of the 1970s was individuality.

Disappointments were also a major part of the 1970's. After years of deliberations and volumes of testimony, the House Assassinations Committee reported very little "new" information about the deaths of three national figures in the 1960s.

Anticipation was high in the mid 1970's when claims of a bright astronomical phenomenom dubbed "Kahoutek" was to light up the skies in a manner embarrassing to Haley. But the brightness never came.

The American Bicentennial also occurred in the 1970s. Promising statements for the future and guarantees of liberty and justice were optimistically overstated throughout 1976.

Greetings were sent from virtually every nation on the earth to be recorded for the memoirs. One such statement from the Saudi Arabian government reflected a philosophical note: "May the cool of autumn evenings be ever yours: May the fullness of winter nights be deep within you."

And the winter nights were well remembered for those Americans who could not afford or even find oil to heat their homes. The decade produced a newer, more intense meaning of the word "scarcity" in the American dictionary. The lack of oil caused the inflation rate to increase astoundingly.

As a result of scarcity, cars became more compact and conservation more practiced as supplies continually dwindled. Despite an effort by some Americans to conserve, a large majority refused to alter their lifestyle. America became a hostage to those few nations willing and able to supply its often unnecessary and wasteful energy demands.

Watergate, so important in the 1970's, comes to mind one last time. By a people's mandate, President Richard M. Nixon was accused of abusing the office he was constitutionally obliged to uphold.

After the catharsis of Watergate, Americans re-evaluated government officials and opinion polls, and since that time the public has consistently reflected a skepticisim for political figures.

Simple tragedy will also be remembered with the 70s. Anti-Vietnam riots tallied up four deaths at Kent State University. Students who were opposed to military intervention by the United States in Southeast Asia were denied the right to express their opinions and were suppressed by Ohio National Guardsmen. The handling of the event suggested a clear indication by the government that individual thought was not welcomed.

The constitutional foundation of "freedom of religion," seemed a farce several years later when a charismatic leader, the Rev. Jim Jones, persuaded more than 800 cohorts to commit "mass suicide." For the United States, the international ramifications were embarassing. But as the embarassment dissipated, the dead were still dead. The Jonestown incident revealed a flaw in a system and the decade that advocated immense "individuality."

Impending tragedy creates an overlapping of 1979 and 1980. For 50 American hostages in Iran, the new year probably means very little. This blatant act of terrorism sparks a flame of pessimism for the future. It further questions the value of American thought in developing nations, and in a certain way it emphasizes the need for the individuality or other groups and nations.

The essential philosophies of the 1970s in the United States were individuality and selfishness. The 10 years of the decade have extended each of these qualities beyond a healthy medium. Limits are necessary on the so called "individuality," primarily in the areas of religious sects and political cults. For the average American, awareness beyond the individual is needed. Challenges in energy and economy have caught up with American technology. The 1980s must represent a trend towards national unity and an escape from the quasi-factionalism of the 1970s.

photo by Rob Swanson

Tony Gibbons saws wood during the final stages of the rathskellar construction. The campus pub should open shortly and is located near the snack bar in Alliot Hall.

Area stores charged with violating state Blue Laws

by Garry Harrington

Five Burlington Grand Union stores, Gaynes, and the A&P store in Essex Junction have all been charged with breaking Vermont's Blue Laws by the State's Attorney, Mark Keller. The stores stayed open on Sunday, Dec. 23 in violation of the 1976 revision of Vermont's 193-year-old law.

The law states that all stores with more than seven employees and grossing more than $500,000 a year cannot stay open on Sundays and four other designated holidays.

But the accused stores claim that this law is discriminatory because the area's large shopping malls are allowed to stay open Sundays as each store in the mall is considered a separate business.

This policy hurts the small "ma and pa" stores that the 1976 revision was originally intended to protect by allowing them to be open Sundays without competition from large chain stores.

Gaynes' president Lou Mazel agrees that the law should allow only the small store operators to stay open, but when the malls are open too, he thinks something should be done. That is why he notified Keller that Gaynes would open on that Sunday, hoping to provoke some action in the courts or the legislature.

The Grand Unions and the A&P, however, did not notify Keller of their openings, and have since opened on following Sundays and on New Year's Day. These violations led to a court appearance on Dec. 28, at which both stores pleaded innocent. Further court action is pending.

Other major stores, like P&C, have recently opened on Sundays too. They claim they are forced to compete with the Grand Union stores even though these stores are not protesting the Blue Laws.

Keller said that the violations of the laws is an attempt by the stores to get the Blue Laws repealed by an act of the legislature by being declared unconstitutional in court. Keller said he sees no action being taken in Montpelier on the issue soon, though bills are currently being considered in the legislature.

Keller said the stores will get a chance to have the laws declared unconstitutional in court. This has already happened in Vermont's three southern-most counties.

Many people do not want to see the law repealed. The small store owners feel threatened by the larger chain stores. Others, like Sen. Chester Taft, R-Essex Jct., oppose the repeal of the Blue Laws because they do not think that society should be so secularized. He thinks this is something that may be regretted later. He does admit there are tremendous inequities in the way the laws operate now, but Taft is convinced that some restrictions remain necessary.

The Grand Union has remained open every Sunday, awaiting the day in court that may or may not see the Blue Laws declared unconstitutional. Robert Roy, General Manager of the Suzie Wilson Road Grand Union, said that he has no trouble getting people to work on Sundays because of the higher wages and a Grand Union spokesman said that the customers like the idea, too, as they have taken advantage of the opportunity to do shopping on Sundays.

34 St. Michael's seniors chosen for Who's Who Among College Students

by Michelle Kramer

The 1980 *Who's Who Among American College Students* will include 34 St. Michael's seniors, according to Michael Samara, dean of students.

The seniors nominated 82 of their classmates and a committee including Dr. Daniel Bean, chairman of the biology department, Jennie Cernosia, director of student activities, Dr. Norbert Kuntz, chairman of the history department, Michael Samara, dean of students, Bill Carey, S.A. president, Rich Hybner, S.A. general services and welfare committee chairman and Cliff Warner, senior class president made the final selections.

The committee based its final decisions on the basis of academic excellence, achievement and involvement in extra-curricular activities.

Those selected were: Dennis J. Bancroft, Mark F. Bartorelli Mark S. Bouchard, Kevin J Byrne, Pamela M. Cady, William J. Carey, Mary Clare Casey, Joseph A. Ciccolo, Jeffery A. Debuque, John R. Gelinas, Margaret M. Gleason, James R. Gumbley, Matthew J. Hagen, Robert C. Heroux, Richard M. Hybner, Andre A. Konski, Mark F. Lawson, Charles B. Leonard III, David L. Liporace, Mary Rose McCaffrey, Philip F. McGovern, Marie C. Mongeau, Paul F. Montinieri, Jon E. Mumford, Barbara A. Nagy, Wayne P. Roberts, Henry H. Scott, Robert M. Shepard, Lawrence F. Slamons Jr., Patrick J. Slattery, Martin A. Thaler, Charles W. Tobin, Clifford Warner and Paul A. Winslow.

Quad incinerators to be trashed

by Robert Brown

St. Michael's College has signed an agreement with the Vermont State Agency of Environmental Conservation that will end the college's 29-year-old practice of burning garbage in the Alumni, Joyce, Ryan and Lyons Hall incinerators.

St. Michael's was first notified by the agency of a possible problem with the incinerators, following a visual analysis by Michael Blanchet, one of the agency's certified air pollution control specialists, in March 1978.

Blanchet did not find a violation of the state's emission standards during his March observation, however, on Oct. 3, 1979 he did observe a visible emission violation.

Any emissions or smoke from older incinerators, like those at St. Michael's, with an opacity of more than 40 percent (meaning 40 percent of the sun's light is blocked) for over six minutes is considered a visible emissions violation.

Following an observation of over 60 percent opacity over a six-minute period from the Alumni Hall incinerator on Oct. 3, 1979, the college was notified of the violation.

On Nov. 2 the agency met with Donald Larson, director of personnel and physical plant manager for St. Michael's. The result of this conference and another conference held on Nov. 29 was an assurance of discontinuance that was signed by Larson and the secretary of the Agency of Environmental Conservation.

In essence, the assurance of discontinuance called for the permanent sealing of the Alumni Hall incinerator by Dec. 1, 1979, and the permanent sealing of the remaining incinerators by April 1, 1980. The Alumni incinerator has been finished. In the meantime, the document calls for an alternative disposal program for the four dorms to be instituted by Mar. 1, 1980.

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N.E. theatre festival Under way at MAC

by Joan Dickinson

The American College Theatre Festival for the New England region will be co-hosted by St. Michael's College and the University of Vermont from Jan. 24-26. Eight New England colleges will perform in this competition, which is one of thirteen regional festivals in the nation.

The featured productions are the final selections chosen from more than forty entries in the preliminary New England competitions. Each play will receive a public critique from Gladden Schrock, the festival critic.

The final judging will be rendered by Ruth Mayleas, a member of the national judication team for the A.C.T.F. This region's winner will then be considered in the national judging of all the regional winners. Finally, five plays will be chosen to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Officially, the festival begins Wednesday with the Irene Ryan Audition Preliminaries and registration at the Royall Tyler Theatre at UVM. The audition contestants, one member from each play's cast, will compete for a scholarship of $500 at the regional level. The winner will go on to compete for more money at the national level. The scholarship is made possible by the late Irene Ryan, better known as "Granny" of *The Beverly Hillbillies*.

Included in the festival schedule are eight workshops on directing and acting techniques, in addition to three social events following each day's activities.

The registration fee for the entire festival is $20. As part of St. Michael's 75th Jubilee Celebration all members of the St. Michael's community will be given a twenty-five percent discount if paid in advance. Special forms can be found at the box office in McCarthy Arts Center.

For those who wish to see individual performances, admission is regularly $3.50.

Ordering tickets in advance using the form provides a dollar discount for St. Michael's members. Tickets purchased at the door will be full price. Further information about festival activities can be found on the schedule posted in McCarthy Arts Center or at the box office.

The following is a schedule of the plays for the American College Theatre Festival:

Friday, January 25, 1980			
12 Noon	**Something's Afoot**	**Dean Jr. Col.**	**MAC, SMC**
2:45 p.m.	**Night of the Iguana**	**Univ. Maine/ Orono**	**Royall Tyler UVM**
8:30 p.m.	**A Month in the Country**	**Emerson Col.**	**MAC, SMC**
Saturday, January 26, 1980			
1:00 p.m.	**Benchley Inside of Himself (new)**	**Univ. of New Hampshire**	**Royall Tyler UVM**
8:00 p.m.	**Our Town**	**Dartmouth Col.**	**MAC, SMC**

Another woman raped

Police release composites of suspect(s)

by Margaret O'Brien

A female resident of a Dalton Drive apartment was sexually assaulted and robbed on Jan. 2.

The Vermont State Police have released a composite drawing of the man who they suspect was involved in the assault and in another assault at Fort Ethan Allan on Dec. 11.

The suspect in the December assault was described as being approximately six feet tall and 190 pounds. He had short blond hair and a blond mustache. He was wearing an army jacket.

The suspect in the Jan. 2 assault was described as being approximately five feet six inches tall with an average build. He had light brownish hair and a blond mustache. The man was wearing a blue down vest, a plaid flannel shirt and jeans. He had a handgun.

According to the State Police it is possible that both descriptions are of the same man. Anyone with information is urged to contact the State Police in Colchester.

Saga survey produces usual results

by Sue Roberts

Of 736 students polled in a Saga food survey last semester, 83 percent are not satisfied with the Saga Food Service as it presently exists. And 54 percent of the students polled said they would be willing to spend $50 more per semester to improve the quality of the food.

The results of the poll were made available to the General Assembly at this week's Student Association meeting.

According to Dean of Student Life Mike Samara, about 60 percent of the students on the meal plan, excluding international students, participated in the survey.

While a majority of students said they were willing to spend up to $50 more a semester on food, only 22 percent said they would spend $100. In addition, only 18 percent of the students polled said they would be willing to spend an additional $40 to $50 in order that students living in Sutton Apartments and Hodson Hall could be taken off the meal plan.

In other business, a motion was passed to send a letter concerning the unauthorized search of dorms and confiscation of items during the semester break to Security Chief Virgil Schellhardt. Bob Heroux, who made the motion, said the letter should be written by the Executive Board of the Student Association and signed by General Assembly members.

S.A. President Bill Carey said he met with Schellhardt to discuss the proposed firing of Security Guard Ann Mudgett. According to Carey, Schellhardt felt the Oct. 27 incident between Mudgett and a student was not enough of an issue to remove her from the security department. He believed that Mudgett had "behaved in the professional manner he expects from his staff."

The General Assembly voted to close Ross Sports Center on March 20 for a concert featuring Dave Mason, and on April 19 for the Parents Weekend banquet. This means the Sports Center will not be open to students for regular use on those nights.

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Sports

Women hoopsters falter

by Judy Valente

On their first ever winter break road trip, the St. Michael's women's basketball squad faced some tough competition while traveling through New York and New Jersey. However, despite returning to Vermont winless, the Knights obtained plenty of exposure and experience against outstanding squads according to coach Sue Duprat.

Dropping decisions of 88-47 to St. Peter's College of Jersey City, N.J. on Jan. 7, and 74-33 to Long Island University of Brooklyn, N.Y. on Jan. 9, did little to dampen the spirits of the persistant St. Michael's squad. Both opponents gunned down the Knights from the floor as St. Peter's hit 40 field goals and Long Island 32 for the bulk of their scoring.

The closest encounter came in East Orange, N.J. as Upsala College upended St. Michael's 74-61 on Jan. 10. Duprat felt that it was a game the Knights should have won. St. Michael's held a 24 to 21 edge in field goals, but the big difference came from the foul line. There, Upsala was awarded 45 free throws while converting 32. The Knights only had 16 attempts, converting 13.

St. Michael's hardcourt troubles continued in the Ross Sport Center last week as Dominican College upset the Knights in their home debut, 48-45.

St. Michael's seemed headed for a win from the opening tap, but as the game progressed, the Knights failed to realize that every contest has two halves.

Taking control of the opening jump, Pam Bushey passed off to Kathy O'Neil, who hit a jumpshot for two of her game-high 23 points. The Knights managed to build an early lead during the first half despite the ragged play displayed by both sides. Solid defense by both squads resulted in a low scoring game. Another major factor was the abundance of turnovers and officials' whistles which took up most of the first 20 minutes of play.

Second half action appeared to be a complete reversal of the first. Dominican came out shooting, hitting on their first possession and cutting the slim SMC lead down to three, 24-21. An O'Neil free throw at 19:30 made it 25-21, but this was the last bucket St. Michael's enjoyed for the next six minutes. Dominican reeled off eight unanswered points and gained the lead which they never relinquished. Janet King hit a shot deep in the corner at 13:30 to break the drought for St. Michael's. The damage was already done though, as Dominican came back with two more hoops, spreading their lead to six, 33-27.

St. Michael's never gave up despite all of their bad luck. Missed layups and shots inside proved costly. With under three minutes to go, the Knights put on a full-court press which almost brought them back. Behind 48-40, O'Neil and Dawn Stanger displayed some excellent defense, only to have their efforts cut short by the clock. St. Michael's record now stands at 1-7.

photo by Dave Walsh

St. Michael's junior guard sensation Kathy O'Neil looks for an open teammate during the Purple Knight's home opener last week against Dominican College. O'Neil led all scorers with 23 points but St. Michael's still bowed, 48-45.

Winter intramurals offer wide activities

As the long, gray winter continues to drag on, one can still find some relief from the cold through indoor intramural athletics. Five leagues are presently in play with several tournaments slated to begin soon as the athletic department continues to offer its most diversified and popular intramural program in recent years.

The controversial men's poly-hockey tournament semi-final match between Omega and the 1300 Gang which had been postponed last semester was finally played last week. When the dust had cleared there was little doubt left as to who the victor was as the 1300 Gang rolled to a 4-0 win over Omega. In the championship match, OCI then turned the tables on the 1300 Gang, erupting for a 5-0 title-clinching win. The match stood at 2-0 through two periods, but OCI obliterated any thoughts of a 1300 Gang rally with three additional net-stretchers in the final period. Tony McGuiness and Jamie Frechette paced OCI with two goals apiece while Kevin Wagner tallied one.

In men's 'A' league basketball action, the Rebels, led by center Fran MacDonnell's awesome 19-point performance, drubbed the Seagram Seven to the tune of a 77-39 score. Dennis Bancroft led the Seagram attack with 16 points while George Kiesewetter added another 16 to the Rebel cause. OCI also proved tough last week with a hard fought 60-40 win over Omega. Jim Hilker and Charlie Carugan combined to give OCI 31 points. Owen McGowen and Kevin Giordano, who played tough despite running into foul trouble, led the Omega scoring attack with 10 points each.

In men's 'B' league play, Steve Nagy's 16 points combined with another 14 from Mark Bowie single-handedly destroyed NU I as OCI rolled to a 54-26 win. Jim Fiesel was the top scorer for NU I pouring in 10 points. Ralph Hubregsen and Craig Carrier teamed up for 24 points as B&G took Omega II by seven, 44-37. The game was close throughout with B&G only pulling away in the final minutes. Omega II's Joe O'Donnell led all scorers in the game with 13 points. The NU II-Kamran's team match proved to be no contest as NU II eased to a 48-18 romp. Glenn Bancroft paced the NU II scoring with 12 points while Charlie O'Hearn and Rob Genuario added 10 apiece. Behrooz Roshandel was top scorer for Kamran's Team with 10 points. In the two other scheduled 'B' contests, Sigma II defeated AD II by forfeit while Sigma I also posted a win by forfeit, this coming against AD I.

In addition to men's 'A' and 'B' league basketball, men's and women's poly-hockey is now in action as is women's basketball.

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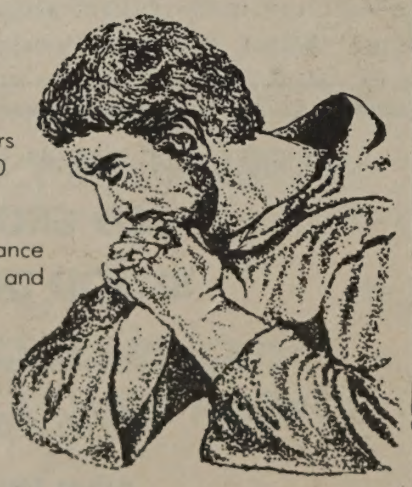

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Seasonal mark falls to 4-10

SMC hoop squad seeking winning track

by Mark Kendall

The light that once shone brightly over the St. Michael's men's basketball team has been somewhat dimmed over the last month as the Purple Knights were defeated soundly by Division III power St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y. last Monday night. The final tally was 82-58. The loss was St. Michael's tenth in 14 games this season while St. Lawrence improved its mark to 9-3.

The loss was not unlike some of the past few outings for the Knights. St. Michael's came out playing a tough and aggressive style of offense while restricting the usually potent St. Lawrence offense for most of the half. The two teams exchanged leads early until St. Lawrence ran off three consecutive baskets en route to a 41-34 halftime lead. Sophomore Kevin Jones led the Knights in first half scoring with 14 points, the majority coming from a distance of 20 feet. The second half was quite a different story for St. Michael's. St. Lawrence ran the ball with far more effectiveness than it had in the first half while virtually shutting down St. Michael's offensive game. The Knights made a total of 24 turnovers in the contest while traveling down the court 37 times without a hoop. Total second half points showed St. Michael's outscored by St. Lawrence 41-24.

Second half problems had plagued the Knights in their previous contest held last Saturday night in the Ross Sport Center against perennial Division II contender Bentley. Bentley entered the game on the heels of a three-game winning streak with high hopes to extend it to four. Their efforts paid off as Bentley won by eight, 67-59. St. Michael's came out featuring some fine offense and managed to show the large home crowd some fine defense reminiscent of last November's "Doc Jacob's Classic." The Knights showed a balanced attack with some fine shooting from junior Jim Peys, Jones, and junior point guard Frank Russo. St. Michael's found themselves in this game getting the ball inside under the hoop which had been their strong suit in winning causes this year. Russo copped the first half with a toss-up basket at the buzzer which brought the crowd to its feet and gave St. Michael's a 38-29 halftime lead.

It was all downhill for the Knights in the second half. Sloppy play was the story early in the period as St. Michael's soon found themselves in serious foul trouble. Solid Bentley foul-shooting as well as the breakdown in the Knights' defense and scoring attack allowed the visitors to explode for 38 second half points to St. Michael's 21. The free throw line proved to be the big difference between winning and losing for the Knights as they were outscored 23-6. Despite the loss, St. Michael's overall performance was far better than the previous home outing two nights earlier.

First home loss

The Knight's entered their contest with Merrimack College with a mark of 4-7, but a perfect 3-0 at home. St. Michael's appeared to be loose going into the contest freshly coming off their first road win of the year, 65-50 at Middlebury. It soon became apparent that the Knights were possibly too loose as they were simply outrun by a statistically weaker Merrimack ballclub. St. Michael's only managed ten points in the first ten minutes of the contest as Merrimack bolted to an early 28-10 lead. Merrimack's Tom Lavelle and Mickey Grennon teamed up for 26 first half points which was all the Knights could manage as a team in the period led by Steve Bourke's 16. St. Michael's was also outrebounded by Merrimack in the period, 22-9. More of the same type of play was shown in the second half as Merrimack rolled to a 77-63 win. Lavalle led all scorers in the match with 29 points. Bourke led St. Michael's with 20 closely followed by Russo with 18 points.

Antrim: "optimistic"

Purple Knights head coach Steve Antrim expressed concern yet optimism regarding the team's recent slide. "Playing on the road is a stiff challenge for any basketball team and with a young, new team, it is that much more of a challenge," commented Antrim. "This is not a team that has played together for three and four years. We have to adapt to one another and understand each other's playing style in order to produce a winner," continued Antrim. Antrim then compared the style and team tempo that carried St. Michael's to their third consecutive "Doc Jacob's Classic" title last November with the feeling of the team two months later. "We practiced for six weeks in preparation for those tournament games alone," said Antrim. "We were very mentally and physically up for those games, but since then there has been less time for preparation of other games, which poses a particularly great problem with a young team."

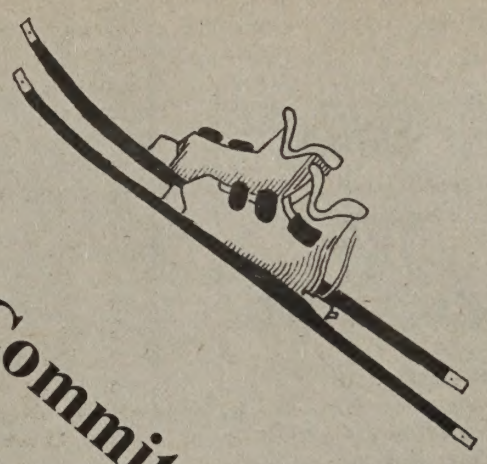
There have been a number of changes in the Knights' starting personnel throughout the season. According to Antrim, this has been done to find out "who the best man is at the best position." "Steve Bourke and Frank Russo have been the most consistent starters and can be steadily counted on to start at the forward and guard positions regularly," Antrim said. Russo and Bourke lead the team in scoring with an average of 13 and 12 points per game respectively. Antrim also spoke highly of the recent fine play of sophomore guard Kevin Jones. Jones has hit for 32 points in the two outings against Bentley and St. Lawrence. "The emergence of Kevin Jones is a big factor for us. Kevin can be expected to start consistantly with Russo with Jim Peys coming off the bench," commented Antrim.

Future goals

"Experience is our main goal right now," continued Antrim. "The different line ups will allow me to evaluate players as well as getting them all some vital playing time to develop more of a balanced attack." "This team definitely has championship caliber which I firmly believe will be apparent in time," said Antrim.

Despite a 1-8 road record, the Knights do have a winning 3-2 mark at home. The home record means a great deal to Antrim in outlining his goals for the remainder of the season. "I would very much like to see the team play well at home in order to win the support of all the fans and to make them believe that this team really is and will continue to be something special. We have had good support so far and I promise to produce some fine basketball for all," said Antrim.

St. Michael's next game is tomorrow night in Bridgeport, Conn. where they will face Sacred Heart, a team the Knights defeated earlier in the season in the "Doc Jacob's" championship title, 62-60. St. Michael's will then return home for a Tuesday night encounter with Division I foe St. Francis (N.Y.) College at 7:30.



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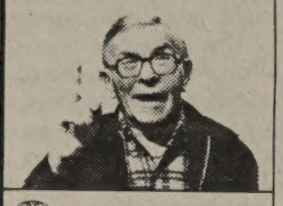

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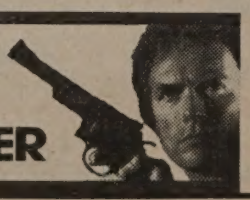

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